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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Notes on Telephone Conversation--General Joseph Carroll, Director, DIA, and Mr. Sheldon, Assistant Deputy Director (Intelligence), 4 March 1963, regarding Review of Transcripts of Congressional Hearings on Cuba

1. General Carroll agreed with Mr. Sheldon that there is an intelligence problem involved. He has to protect his Secretary, and we have to protect the Director.
2. The job to be done is time consuming, massive and complicated. There are few people in the community having sufficient over-all view of the problem who can be assigned on a full-time basis to review these transcripts.
3. General Carroll has personally vetted that testimony in which he participated. So far the Office of Security of the Department of Defense has been responsible for vetting testimony in which other members of Defense have participated. In that process individuals who have a very narrow view of the security problems are frequently used and they sometimes tend to scratch out information which has already been published. General Carroll agreed that we must find a technique which will be forthcoming yet protective as far as the technical aspects of the intelligence business are concerned.
4. Mr. Sheldon designated Mr. William A. Tidwell on a full-time basis with necessary assistance to work not only on the McNamara and Taylor testimonies before the Mahon Committee but on all other testimony in which Cuba is involved. General Carroll indicated that [redacted] would be his choice but it would be difficult to make him available. Mr. Tidwell and [redacted] will get together at once.
5. Mr. Sheldon and General Carroll agreed that this is to be a joint CIA/DIA arrangement and where testimony of other elements of Department of Defense are involved, representatives as needed from those components will be brought in to assist in the vetting of the testimonies of their representatives.

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6. There are definitely problems of time pressure, and Mr. Sheldon and General Carroll are hopeful that some relief can be had in this arena since they would rather do a thorough job without having to skimp.

7. The above was relayed to Mr. John Warner by Mr. Sheldon. Mr. Warner reported that he had talked with Mr. Mahon about the time problem and that, though he wanted the job done in a hurry, he would extend the deadline to tomorrow.

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APPROVED by Mr. Sheldon on 5 March 1963

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